

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2010**

**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order with a quorum of the Board members at 10:05 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by the Board's Chair, Ms. Doreen Bobby, MSW, LCSW.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, (Chair)  
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW  
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW (Vice Chair)  
Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW  
Kathleen Ellis  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.

**Absent:**

None

**Also attending:**

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General  
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff  
Lucy Chalet, Administrative Staff

**Announcement of Quorum**

The Chair also announced that in accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

**III. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Minutes from March, April, August and September, 2010 meetings were presented for Board

Review. *Upon motion made by Ms. Kathleen Ellis, seconded by Dr. Dawn Apgar, the Board Voted to approve all minutes as presented.*

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, informed the Board that some boards have started using electronic agendas for their meetings. It is hoped that all agendas will be electronic in the near future.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was attended by Kelly McConnell, Amy Kearney Williams, Valery Bailey, Hilton Miller and S. Ivey Prusinawski from NJ Mentor; Donna Wardell, Director of Communications from Rutgers University and Mary Jean Weston, Assistant to Executive Director from NASW-NJ.

- 1- Kelly McConnell: LSW, spoke to the Board members regarding her LCSW license. Ms. McConnell attended the November meeting and spoke about her licensing problem. Because there was no quorum at the last meeting, she was informed that the Board would deal with the matter in the executive session today.
- 2- Amy Kearney Williams, LCSW, from NJ Mentor also spoke to the Board in support of Ms. McConnell. She was Ms. McConnell's supervisor but was not licensed in New Jersey at the time she supervised Ms. McConnell.
- 3- Lisa Maiale-Howell, LCSW- attended the Board meeting to seek information about the status of her application. She was informed that the matter would be discussed in executive session.
- 4- Hilton Miller, from NJ Mentor also spoke to the Board in support of Ms. McConnell.
- 5- S. Ivey Prusinawski, explained that she is in the same situation as Ms. McConnell because she also worked at NJ Mentor and was under supervision there.
- 6- Mary Jean Weston- Ms. Weston thanked the Board for posting the approved minutes online. She asked if unlicensed individuals with an MSW can run psycho-educational groups. The Board stated that psycho-education is not in the scope of practice of social workers, so as long as the groups deal exclusively with education and do not move into group therapy, that is permissible.

She also questioned when the changes in the new regulations would be posted. She was informed that the changes are in process of revision and approval for publication.

She questioned what the Board's policy is concerning the amount of CEUs necessary for reinstatement for social workers who have not been actively licensed for 5

years or more. The Board's policy is that social workers now would have to prove compliance for 3 licensing cycles prior to the current licensing period.

**VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS**

*Upon motion made by Ms. Kathleen Ellis, seconded by Ms. Maxine Lisboa, the Board voted to approve all supervisors' credentials.*

**VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

*A motion was made by Dr. Altamura and seconded by Ms. Maxine Lisboa, to approve the following candidates as qualified in their category based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to renew in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. All in favor of the motion.*

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:**

Tammy L. Dawson  
Joseph F. Paladino  
Viva L. White

**PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:**

Craig L. Haft  
Jarrah K. Kratzer  
Paul W. Metzgar

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED**

Olabisi Akinsola  
Lisa M. DeMario  
Mara A. Hermelee  
Julie J. Kumpf  
Tram T. Luu  
Katherine L. Mardy  
Allison E. Montick  
Melissa A. Ronga  
Kimino N. Rutherford

**CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING**

Gabrielle Z. Abramson  
Nathalie V. Ariel  
Lina M. Builes  
Kenneth D. Burke  
Sarah Chrem  
Eileen C. Corvelli  
Jessica L. DiVirgilio  
Allison R. Epstein  
Carissa Y. Ferguson-Thomas  
David F. Fiamingo  
Laura B. Goble  
Amy J. Greenberg  
Makeesa Y. Johnson  
Brenna S. Nessler  
Elizabeth A. Ohlmuller  
Robyera N. ReVoal  
Monique Stays  
Danielle V. Sutton  
Hervin A. Torres  
Stacy B. Tron  
Jessica Velez  
Dale A. Washington  
Caitlin A. Welch  
Hope D. Williams

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED**

Ann Marie Boffa  
Rafaela L. Dela Cruz  
Marva A. Erysthee  
Alicia M. Finkle  
Angelina Jones  
Kim C. Lopez  
Dayshawna C. Lowe  
Emmanuel Salazar-Garcia  
Diane E. Stoelker-Stern  
Michelle M. Weber

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**CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING**

Veronica Liza G. Ansay  
Samantha P. Barriteau  
Valerie M. Bethke  
Emily G. Buchenhorst  
Barbara Cid  
Erin R. Cooney  
Jane E. DiCola  
Christiane Fils  
Meredith E. Freeman  
Amany S. Gabra  
Cassandra J. Gershaw  
Laura M. Grieco  
Jenna L. Gorab

Felecia Johnson  
Lisa Kozlowski  
Jennifer S. Leander  
Sean A. Macon  
Maribeth R. Magallanes  
Tonya D. Martinez  
Keith B. Massey  
Helena R. Matava  
Joanne D. McGee  
Kristen A. Miller  
Jill H. Myers  
Iris L. Ortiz  
Jessica L. Pellicano  
Alonzo Perry  
Stephanie A. Pilson  
Lydia G. Rogers  
Russell E. Rubin  
Ian Scheer  
Victoria A. Schmidt  
Shaheen D. Shabazz  
Victoria C. Shepherd  
Marieliz Soler  
Nagat A. Soliman  
Susan C. Taylor  
Adeline F. Theobald  
Devina Thomas

### **VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Dawn Apgar, seconded by Ms. Doreen Bobby, the Board voted to accept all CE courses submitted to the Board.*

#### **A. Problematic CEU's**

#### **B. Vote on Recommendation.**

### **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1- A letter from Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director from NASW asking if UMDNJ, workshops/training programs are accredited. The Board reviewed the submitted material and *upon motion made by Dr. Altamura, seconded by Dr. Apgar, the Board voted to accept these programs as accredited. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*
- 2- The Board reviewed an opinion from the Office of General Counsel, State of New York Insurance Department concerning the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Privacy Rule, and psychotherapy notes. The opinion stated that an insurer cannot require an insured to authorize release of psychotherapy notes as a condition of coverage because it would violate the HIPAA Privacy Rule. *The Board accepted the opinion as informational.*
- 3- Report of Bills # A3203 and #S2072 from the Legislative Affairs- This bill was presented to the Board as informational.
- 4- An email with attachments from Donna Wardell, Director of Communications, Rutgers School of Social Work from Rutgers regarding submission of supervision plans by LCSW applicants before they begin supervision. The Board reviewed the submitted from the state of Texas. The Board was impressed with the idea, and, although it would mean more intensive work by the staff at the beginning of the process, it would prevent problems and make licensing easier. Regulatory Analyst Charles Manning will be given the material in order that he can draft new proposed regulations. Ms. Wardell said that she would check with Texas concerning the mechanics of reporting proposed supervision plans.
- 5- Final Budget Report for Fiscal year 2010 - This information was presented to the Board as informational.
- 6- Arthur Dinkel- Request for reinstatement of revoked license. DAG Krugman explained the reasons for the revocation and what Mr. Dinkel has and has not done with regard to the Consent Order revoking his license. The Board also reviewed a letter in opposition to his reinstatement

by SDAG Joan Gelber, who prosecuted the case. Mr. Dinkel failed to dissolve his two corporations within thirty days of the filing of the order as agreed to, rather he let them expire. The Order also stated that the revocation is permanent. *Upon motion made by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Hines-Cunningham, the Board voted that DAG Krugman to issue a provisional order of denial to Mr. Dinkel concerning the reinstatement of his Social Work license. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*

**X. ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NOVEMBER**

The Board reviewed all of the recommendations presented from the November meeting agenda and *upon motion made by Dr. Altamura, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board voted to accept all recommendations for the November agenda. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*

**XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2010**

January 26, 2011- Hudson Conference Room  
February 23, 2011- Hudson Conference Room  
March 23, 2011- Hudson Conference Room  
April 27, 2011-Hudson Conference Room  
May 25, 2011- Hudson Conference Room  
June 22, 2011- Hudson Conference Room  
July 27, 2011- Hudson Conference Room  
August 24, 2011- Hudson Conference Room  
September 28, 2011- Hudson Conference Room  
October 26, 2011- Hudson Conference Room  
November 16, 2011- Hudson Conference Room  
December 21, 2011- Hudson Conference Room

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Public session concluded at 10:50 a.m. by recommendation from the committee to move to executive session. The Committee re-entered public session at 3:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW  
Chair

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